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## The Riding of Hobbies.

It must be unpleasant to be a statesman with a hobby and then receive an intimation, direct from the throne, that equestrian performances on that particular nag will not be tolerated. As we understand, this is the situation in which Gen. J. Warren Keifer, of Ohio, finds himself, at this writing.

It has been some time since General Keifer has adorned the House of Representatives. In the interim he has been a soldier in that sanguinary conflict that is enshrined in history under the name of the Spanish-American war. Moreover, he was the first commander-in-chief of the band of patriots known as the Spanish War Veterans.

The hobby General Keifer principally affects is a desire to reduce the representation of the Southern States, because, as is alleged, the franchise is denied certain of their citizens. To attain so laudable an end, he is joining forces with Representative Crumpacker of Indiana, who in the past has been the first exponent and stoutest champion of this ideal. Together, they will make a great pair.

We are sorry for General Keifer, but there seems no real possibility of being helpful. We would if we could. It is inferred that the Speaker's disinclination to activity in the hobby line will not extend to its vocal exposition and that General Keifer will be permitted to talk. In the past that has seemed to satisfy Mr. Crumpacker, and we hope it will prove an equal balm for his ally and friend.

There is, of course, one further ray of comfort—several, in fact, if we may speak in terms of the spectrum. They emanate from General Keifer's daily attire, which consists of what is known as "a full dress suit," a pair of tan shoes and a red, white, and blue four-in-hand tie. With that combination in visual prospect, we console ourselves with the thought that however much General Keifer is jarred, he has his revenge.

## Laws Without Enforcement.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, in its annual report, again calls the attention of Congress and the President to the difficulty it experiences in securing from the railroad companies under its supervision accurate and complete information as to these railroads' transactions. It confesses itself seriously handicapped by the current railroad conception of the system of bookkeeping that is adequate and proper.

"An efficient means of discovering illegal practices," says the report, "would be found in authority to prescribe the form in which books of accounts shall be kept by railroads, with the right on the part of the commission to examine such books at any and all times through expert accountants. This recommendation has been urged upon the attention of Congress in previous reports, and it is earnestly renewed at this time. Probably no one thing would go further than this toward the detection and punishment of rebates and kindred wrongdoing. Certain carriers now refuse to make the statistical returns required by the commission."

All of which illustrates a position The Times occupies and which it has tried to impress. It is quite absurd to enact laws, whether punitive in their nature or otherwise, unless at the same time there are provided means and methods for their enforcement. Railroad men who give rebates and shippers who receive them are notoriously deficient in memory of these transactions. Prominent officers of great railway systems, albeit directly in charge of the traffic of their lines, may be quite unaware that rebates are being allowed. We have this last extraordinary fact on the authority of no less a personage than Paul Morton, former Secretary of the Navy and now president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Such lapses of memory and deficiencies of information are natural enough, perhaps. At any rate, they are exceedingly common and make difficult the pathway of an Interstate Commerce Commission examiner who is looking for facts. When memories play these freakish tricks, and there is nothing on the books to supply the omission, the examiner is in a rather difficult position. In many railway offices the preparation of the records for the visits of the examiner is always considered and the execution of the simple precau-

tions necessary is always attended by much office merriment.

When you come to think of it, it is remarkably funny. Here is a great Government, representing eighty millions of people. It has established a commission, giving to it certain supervisory and administrative powers over certain corporations engaged in interstate commerce. The commission tries its best to do its duty and finds itself foiled, blocked, and derided at every turn. The laws that should command respect are laughed at and evaded; the information they exact is denied and the conduct they forbid indulged in with a keener relish. The leaders of the country's life and thought set the example of disobedience to the nation's law. Very, very amusing!

When the situation is different and railroads show a real desire to obey the law, they will find their objections to keeping accurate books and supplying accurate information better fortified. As long as they are conducting an illegal business, or a legal business in an illegal way, they are not entitled to protest and their protests are not deserving of attention.

The same difficulty will confront the officers of the courts when it is endeavored to show, in the event of the passage of a Federal law prohibiting corporate campaign contributions, that the law has been violated. The books of the corporation charged with the offending will show no such contribution. It will be hidden away, if it is there, under various ingenious layers of misinformation, intelligible only to the executive officers of the company.

Bookkeeping of this sort ought to be made a crime, of a dignity equal to the offenses it is intended to conceal. Until this is done, and adequate means of detecting that crime's commission are provided, it is more or less idle to talk of punishing railroad men for giving rebates or corporation officers for making contributions to campaign funds. The occasional instances in which convictions are secured serve only to lend the moral a keener point.

## Statehood's Problems.

There are almost as many minds as there are men concerned in the passage of Statehood legislation. That the proposition of admitting, in one form or another, the two big Territories of the far Southwest is in serious danger of another defeat, is now plain. Oklahoma and Indian Territory seem assured of getting what is almost universally believed to be justice. Combined, they will make a great State, with more population and wealth than some of the original thirteen can boast. They have the right kind of population, too; the percentage of illiteracy in Oklahoma is one of the lowest in the world in a community of like numbers.

But Arizona and New Mexico present another situation, and it is wellnigh impossible to determine which are the disinterested and which the ulterior arguments. Thus it is now freely charged that a lobby, characterized by one Senator as the most corrupt that has operated in Congress in recent years, is opposing Statehood in behalf of immense property interests in Arizona. These, it is alleged, include the tremendous copper mines of the Territory, said to represent nearly a billion of wealth, and the railroads, listed at a hundred millions more. Then there are other mining and industrial enterprises listed in the same class. The motive for their opposition is fear of adequate taxation. At present they pay nominal taxes; under Statehood, they would be unable to control the Legislature of the immense new State, and would be subjected to many millions additional taxes. So they want either no Statehood, or else separate Statehood for each Territory.

Separate Statehood is impossible. It has no backing worth considering. The very interests which would make another rotten borough of Arizona present the best possible argument against letting it in separately. Moreover, the limited population of these two Territories, and the character of that population, especially in Arizona, constitute additional reasons for caution. The example of Nevada should be in mind. It is not so certain that the immense interests which could control a State erected out of the present Territory of Arizona, would not soon dominate a new joint State. Certainly there need be no argument against the undesirability of permitting such a situation.

It is not apparent that any vital interest or fundamental right would suffer by reason of some further delay in the case of Arizona and New Mexico. Combined, they will some day make a great State; it is uncertain whether they are yet ready for joint Statehood, and generally admitted that they are unfit for separate admission. The arguments, and the developing facts as well, seem to suggest that the present Congress will do very well if it admits Oklahoma and Indian Territory jointly, and lets the other two Territories wait.

If you have designs of violating the law, be sure to "fess up promptly and get into the immunity class."

The boxholders will include Secre-

## IN THE CIRCLE OF SOCIETY



MISS MINNIE SAXTON AND MISS ELIZABETH FORNEY,  
Two of the Most Attractive Children to Take Part in the Kirmess at The Belasco for the Benefit of the Homeopathic Hospital.

SOCIETY IS BUSY  
EATING LUNCHEONS

Mrs. Fairbanks Guest of Honor at One.

## MISS MAGRUDER MAKES BOW

Pretty Reception for Her Coming Out and Large Quantities of Flowers for Her.

Mrs. Fairbanks was the guest of honor for whom Mrs. Stanley Matthews entertained a large luncheon party.

Miss Millard, daughter of the Senator from Nebraska, gave a luncheon party at her home at the Connecticut this afternoon. Her guests were Mrs. A. E. Bates, Mrs. Oliver Wendell Holmes, Mrs. Nathan Scott, Mrs. John L. Kennedy, Mrs. Joseph C. Sibley, Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, and Miss Ridgely.

The Vice President and Mrs. Fairbanks entertained at a small dinner party last evening. Their guests were Representative and Mrs. Hughes, Representative and Mrs. Hughes, Representative Bartholdi, Representative Foss, Representative and Mrs. Fulkerson, Mrs. Moran, and Miss Sherrill.

The coming out party of Miss Natalie Magruder was the prettiest of yesterday's affairs. The drawing-rooms were filled with the quantities of flowers Miss Magruder received, and she herself carried a large cluster of American Beauty roses. Her gown was simple, of white embroidered chiffon. Mrs. Magruder wore a grey chiffon cloth.

The receiving party included Mrs. Probasco, Mrs. N. S. Lincoln, Miss Edith Harlan Child, Miss Natalie Lincoln, Miss Margaret Taylor of South Orange, N. J., Miss Alexandra Fitch, Miss Bella Bateman, Miss Rose Greeley, Miss Nannie Morse, Miss Lillian Stone, and Miss Mary L. Stone. The party was presided over by Mrs. N. S. Lincoln and Mrs. Trapnell, of New York city.

Miss Magruder gave a luncheon party a few days ago for the debutantes of the season.

Charles Wauters, the newly-appointed Belgian minister to Mexico, will arrive in America about Christmas time and will make a short visit to Washington before going to his post. Mr. Wauters was formerly counselor of the Belgian legation in Washington.

Miss Huntington, who has come from New York to take part in the plays to be given for the Woman's Army and Navy League, is the guest of Miss Satterlee.

Society will be largely represented today and tomorrow at the sale of autographed books, to be held at the former residence of the Vice President, 1890 Massachusetts avenue, which Mrs. Fairbanks has lent for the occasion.

Some of the patronesses are Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Boardman, Mrs. Justice Brown, Mrs. Herbert Wade, Mrs. de Koven, Mrs. Chaffee, and Miss Litchfield, and a number of the debutantes and girls prominent in society will assist in the sale of the books. Mrs. Fairbanks, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Garfield, and Miss Kibbey will pour tea.

Cards were sent out yesterday for a leap-year dance, which will be given on Christmas night in Raucher's. The dance will be under the management of Miss Postlethwaite and the patronesses are to be Lady Durand, Miss Keane, Mrs. Wayne Parker, Mrs. Charles Bell, Mrs. Townsend, Mrs. John R. McLean, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Westcott, and Mrs. Postlethwaite. On the committee, assisting Miss Postlethwaite, will be Miss Bell and Miss Ethel Seckendorf.

The performance at the Belasco, Monday and Tuesday, by the Woman's Army and Navy League, will be one of the greatest attractions of the week, and will be attended by all of Washington society.

The bride, who was given away by

CHINESE MINISTER  
GIVES DINNER PARTY

Entertains Senators and Diplomats to Meet Sir Robert Hart, Long in Service of China's Customs Office, and Lady Hart.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt went for a horseback ride yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Roosevelt looked particularly well in her black riding habit and long floating veil wound about her black derby. They went for a canter through Rock Creek, the favorite ride of the President.

The Chinese minister entertained a large dinner party last night in honor of Lady Hart and Miss Hart, wife and daughter of Sir Robert Hart, who is head of the Chinese customs service. The other guests were Senator and Mrs. Burrows, Justice and Mrs. Brown, the consul general to London, and Mrs. Wynne, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. John Callan O'Laughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Denby, Mr. and Mrs. Young Kwad, of the legation staff, Mrs. Nichols Fish, Miss Ida Thompson, Ekl Hioki, charge d'affaires of the Japanese legation, Representative Grosvenor, of Ohio, and Major McCawley.

The Assistant Secretary of State and Mrs. Bacon entertained a large dinner party last night at their home on K street, the old Quay house, which was occupied last year by Paul Morton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barbours were also dinner hosts of last night. They gave a dinner party in honor of their sister and brother-in-law, M. and Mme. Thiebaud. M. Thiebaud is charge d'affaires at the French legation in Bern, Switzerland, and was formerly an attaché at the embassy here.

John Rodgers also gave a dinner last night. Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Halford entertained a small dinner party last night to meet Russ McIntosh.

Miss Katherine Deering, whose marriage to William Barret Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, will take place December 20, left Washington for New York this afternoon for a few days.

tary of War and Mrs. Taft, Assistant Secretary of War and Mrs. Oliver, Assistant Secretary of Navy and Mrs. Newberry, Senator and Mrs. Alger, Senator and Mrs. Hale, General and Mrs. Elliott, Baron and Baroness Rosen, Admiral and Mrs. Cromwell, General and Mrs. Sternberg, Mrs. C. H. Davis, Mrs. Alfred E. Bates, Mrs. Pinchot, the Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. Nabuco, Mrs. Isham Hornsby, Mr. and Mrs. Aulick Palmer, Admiral and Mrs. Remy, Senator and Miss Keane, Mrs. Stanley Matthews, Admiral and Mrs. Mason, General and Mrs. Grainger, Mrs. Southernland, and Mrs. Richard Butler.

Another of next week's good works, which promises to be most successful, is the Kirmess, at the Belasco, on Wednesday, December 21. The performance is under the direction of Miss Minnie Saxton. One of the leading features will be the American Beauty rose dance, in which twelve of the most prominent society girls will take part. They are Miss Grace Bell, Miss Madeline Bradley, Miss Errol Outthert Brown, Miss Shelby Crowe, Miss Miriam Crosby, Miss Carl Crawford, Miss Alexandra Fitch, Miss Julia Goldsborough, Miss May Goldsborough, Miss Lyle, General and Mrs. Moore Parker, and Mrs. Eldridge Jordan. The rehearsals have been held in the ballroom at the residence of Mrs. Henry Cleveland Perkins.

A housewarming and sale will be held this afternoon at the Newsboys' Home, 220 C street. Mrs. Kerr will be in charge of the sale of fancy articles and Mrs. Edith Miller will serve tea, assisted by a number of society girls.

The Persian minister will be at home on Friday afternoons from 4 to 7, at the legation, 1890 Nineteenth street northwest.

Miss Frances Adelaide Jullien, daughter of Mrs. Caroline Jullien, was married last evening at St. Anthony's Catholic Church to Joseph Samuel Henry, by the Rev. Edmund T. Shanahan, of the Catholic University. The bride, who was given away by

FIGURES FOR CANAL  
OPEN SENATORS' EYES

Itemized Statement of Sums Asked by Commission to Work to July Leads to Prospect of Further Cut in Emergency Fund.

Household and office furnishings and fixtures, laundry equipment, stationery and printing and services and traveling expenses of inspectors of material and supplies, costing in the aggregate \$39,586.39, form in part the items enumerated in the estimate of appropriations required to carry the Panama Canal Commission through the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906.

In the information given at the hearings of Secretary Taft, Chairman Shonts, J. B. Bishop and others connected with the work of the canal by the Senate Committee on Appropriations, every item for which the \$16,500,000 was asked was submitted in a statement from the Canal Commission.

## For Furniture.

The estimated cost of household and office furnishings and fixtures and office expenses, salaries excluded, is \$27,621.17. It is declared that \$18,575.56 will be required to carry on the printing and to supply sufficient stationery, while \$13,512.55 is necessary to defray the expenses of inspecting material and supplies. The cost of rent, fuel, power and light is put down at \$192,540 from December 1, 1905, to June 30, 1906. The appropriation for miscellaneous material to be purchased in the United States from December 1, 1905, to June 30, 1906, is lumped at \$13,728.62. The valuation of material purchased elsewhere is \$800,000 and \$3,350,000 is asked for to defray the ex-

pense of equipment purchased or contracted for with delivery not later than the end of the present fiscal year. The sum claimed to be needed to cover material ordered and in transit is estimated to aggregate \$1,000,000. The approximate size of the payroll for the period from December to the end of the fiscal year is placed at \$5,191,746.55. The last item added to cover the salaries of the commissioners and the employees of the offices at Washington, New York, New Orleans, San Francisco and Tacoma and traveling expenses incurred in line of duty.

## Senate Inquisitive.

This outlay of money has awakened a desire in the Senate to know the why and wherefore of such an expense. Before the hearings on Tuesday last when Senators Tillman, Daniel, Teller, Hale and Allison pronounced some peculiar deductions from Secretary Taft aided by Chairman Shonts, "Press Agent" J. B. Bishop, Auditor Benson and Purchasing Agent Ross, it had been practically decided to add the \$5,500,000, the amount cut off by the House, to the appropriation bill. Now, however, the bill will be lucky to get through as the House passed it.

Senator Tillman today began a series of attacks on the "reckless expenditure" of money by the Senate in Congress. Before he is through he intends to show how some of the money now asked for can be saved.

Sensors Tillman and Daniel are both on the trail of the \$10,000 "beauty jobs," as they termed them. They say they see no reason why these places should pay more than a Cabinet place.

THE PERSONAL SIDE  
AT THE CAPITOL

Campbell Sloop, the only Republican from Virginia in Congress, looks rather discouraged these days. Before the elections last fall, he promised the national Republican leaders that he would cut down the Democratic majorities in Virginia if he were made the State leader of his party. He even held out the slight hope that the Old Dominion, under his astute leadership, might go Republican.

The reverse happened, and the Republicans in that State were hopelessly "snowed under," their defeat being worse than any they had experienced for years. Consequently, Mr. Sloop feels that he is a discredited prophet.

Today, he met Representative Rixey, Democrat, from Virginia. After greetings had been exchanged, Rixey said something about politics in Virginia. "Yes," said Sloop, smiling wistfully. "The people in your part of the State didn't do as I told them."

"My people back home are as well informed and up to date as people anywhere," said Senator Knute Nelson as he entered the Senate Chamber with a fellow-Senator. "But some of 'em now and then give the old man a bad job. Here is a letter I got today from Ole Rasmussen, of Sleepy Eye. He says, 'When you go to the Capitol the next time please go in the Pension Office only.'"

"I never promised you any office," said James Foraker.

"What?" shouted the Ohioan. "Do you mean to tell me you did not promise me the postmaster's job?"

"I don't care whether I did or not," responded Foraker. "I never gave it to you, and I don't care a continental whether you like it or not."

After listening to a large and extensive discussion of his personal character and his average veracity, delivered from the depths of an outraged heart, James Foraker watched the infuriated office-seeker wend his fire-breathing way to the fresh air outdoors.

"There are some good things about looking like a United States Senator," he said. "I think it would pay Joe to hire me to stay away from here."

NOBLES WILL DISPENSE  
XMAS CHEER TO NEEDY  
SENATORS "HARD HIT"  
IN POLITICAL ADDRESS

Almas Shriners Prepared to Distribute Well Filled Baskets for Yuletide Season.

Christmas joy in the shape of baskets filled with delicious goodies will come to the homes of more than a thousand of the needy of the city through the generosity of the Almas Temple, Mystic Shrine. Following the custom of years the Almas Temple will minister to the wants of many deserving families by the distribution of these baskets and in them a cheerful Yuletide where otherwise want might enter.

The merry nobles of the Temple have arranged to dispense their Christmas cheer from National Rifles Armory, Ninth and G streets northwest, from which place the baskets will be sent to homes in all sections of the city. A children's Christmas candy tree will be the feature of an entertainment by the Temple on Christmas Eve, and each little one whom Santa Claus might otherwise forget will receive a box of candy.

Noble Charles Jacobsen will impersonate white bearded Kris Kringle, and Penelope Carter B. Keene will see that no little guest is neglected. The committee on the preparation and distribution of the baskets will consist of Noble P. A. Schling, Recorder Harrison Dingman, and Noble Louis C. Wilson.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Harry E. Rothrock and Eva B. Swayne, both of Altoona, Pa.  
Harry C. Dobbs and Ida R. Keys.  
Winfield S. Pierce and Sarah E. Meeks.

Benjamin F. Stewart and Henrietta E. Nichols.

Hodge Brown and Fannie Harris.

George Carter and Ada Hughes.

Richard B. Jacobs and Ethel B. Scott.

James Smathers and Irene Fleet.

Cecil F. Forbes, Elm City, N. C., and Jessie E. Williams, Richmond, Va.

George W. Herebert and Irene Howard.

Henry Williams and Jennie Allen.

Robert F. Padgett and Mary P. Allen, both of Alexandria, Va.

Charles S. Plig, District of Columbia, and Mariana Bailey, Winchester, Va.

Norman Cook and Rosie Freeman, both of Falls Church, Va.

John C. Jack and Lucretia B. Stafford, both of Colorado, Pa.

Andrew J. Cashell and Helen A. Mabbutt, both of Baltimore.

Thomas F. Bryen, Saratoga county, N. Y., and Rebby Horton, Tallahassee, Fla.

Fred Winston and Maggie Carter.

Dana Says That Presidential Officials Have Been Appointed for Political Purposes.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 15.—Two striking addresses were delivered here today during the session of the National Civil Service Reform League. Richard Henry Dana, of Boston, spoke on "Presidential Offices, the United States Senate and the Merit System." The other address was that of Clinton Rogers Woodruff, of Philadelphia, on "The Overthrow of the Spoils System in Philadelphia."

Mr. Dana did not mince words in his handling of the United States Senate. He rapped the wearers of the Senatorial toga good and hard whenever and wherever an opportunity offered itself.

"For three-quarters of a century," declared the Bostonian, "the Presidential officials have, in the main, been appointed at the dictation of Senators for political purposes."

Mr. Woodruff's address was a history of the personal efforts of Mayor Weaver against the party machine in Philadelphia. He spoke of how Mayor Weaver began the fight against the corrupt party machine; how alone and singlehanded he kept up the struggle, turning out dishonest officials and substituting men of courage and character.

The speaker declared the one regret of the recent victory of the City party in Philadelphia was the small number of office holders who were appointed for office. He said that there were about seventy-five offices to fill, and the list of applicants now reached two thousand.

BAY STATE TECH VETERANS HOLD ANNUAL DINNER

At the seventh annual dinner of the Washington Alumni of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, held at the Cochran Hotel, the following were elected for the ensuing year: William J. Rich, '81, president; Francis Walker, '72, vice president; Frederick W. Swanton, '84, secretary; E. F. Albright, 1904, treasurer, and A. S. Merrill, 1909, director.

The principal address of the evening was made by Henry S. Pritchett, president of the institute, and an address was made by Proctor L. Dougherty, '97, pleading for the close affiliation of the alumni and the governing corporation of the institution. Other speeches were made by Frederick Hayes Newell, '85, and C. C. Babb, '90.